

In the Specification:

On page 1, please replace the current title of the application with the following amended title:

**USE OF GEMINI VITAMIN D₃ COMPOUNDS ~~AND METHODS OF USE THEREOF~~
FOR TREATING HYPERTENSION**

On page 1, after the heading "**Related Application**", please replace the paragraph beginning on line 4 and ending on line 6 with the following amended paragraph:

This application is a U.S. national phase, pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §371, of international application No. PCT/US2004/013703, published in English on November 18, 2004 as international publication No. WO 2004/098522 A2, which claims the benefit of U.S. provisional patent application Ser. No. 60/466,638, filed April 30, 2003, the disclosure of which applications is ~~are~~ incorporated herein in ~~its entirety~~ their entireties by this reference.